

IXWORTH AND IXWORTH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council meeting held at Ixworth Village Hall on 13th June 2012 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr Teresa Plummer (Chairman) Cllr Ben Lord (Vice-Chairman) Cllrs David Reeve, Sophia Wilson, Nick Loughton, Pam Shelton and Trevor Anderson.

Also Present: Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk), C Cllr Joanna Spicer, PCSO Ken Ruston, Mr Roger Gilles and one member of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Roy McFruin and Cllr Nathan Plummer.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Reeve declared a prejudicial interest in item 9.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th May 2012 as a true record of that meeting.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

None.

Meeting Adjourned

5. Public Forum

No comments were made.

6. Report from Local Police Officer

PCSO Ken Ruston thanked the Chairman, the Council and the community for your continued support and then gave the following report;

Ixworth Crime Statistics 11th April to 13th June 2012:

7 crimes of interest recorded since the last meeting.

1 x Burglary other building – (Overnight 02/03 May a laptop, power tools, fuel container and fuel stolen from portakabin and container at a business premises)

1 x Theft from motor vehicle – (Late afternoon on 17/05) golf clubs taken from car parked in the street).

1 x possession of controlled drug with intent to supply – (Positive policing action using stop search powers in street by SNT officers acting on intelligence) (Under process)

1 x Theft other – (Pack of yogurts taken from a doorstep, offence noted by SNT officer during routine visit, offender quickly identified and dealt with).

2 x Common Assault – (Both offenders known, one dealt with other under process)

1 x Fraud by misrepresentation – (over the internet)

Anti Social Behaviour around village halls and speeding through villages across the area remains a priority with regular police patrols and speed checks as resources permit.

There have been several thefts of overhead power cables across the local area during the early hours of the morning. The theft of tools, machinery and metal from outbuildings/building sites continues across the county.

We ask that the community remain vigilante and report any suspicious activity. If you believe a crime is in progress dial 999, for other non-urgent matters dial 101.

7. Report from County Councillor Joanna Spicer

C Cllr Spicer reported the following;

- Work on the Fire station should begin week commencing 18th June 2012 and be completed by October 2012
- The meeting that the Ixworth & Stanton Free School Group that was held at the Middle School was well attended. A representative from the Seckford Foundation had attended to answer questions.
- Suffolk County Council were still looking at transport issues involving Free Schools

C Cllr left the meeting to attend the Suffolk Police Tasking meeting also being held in Ixworth Village Hall.

8. Report from Borough Councillor John Griffiths MBE

B Cllr Griffiths sent his apologies for not attending the meeting.

Meeting Reconvened

9. Planning Applications

Cllr Reeve retired from the room after declaring a prejudicial interest in the following two applications.

SE/11/1072– *Internal and external alterations in association with conversion of barn and outbuildings to 3 no dwellings associated with development of adjoining land with 13 no dwellings (ii) formation of pedestrian access in existing front boundary wall as amended by plans received 8th May 2012 indicating revised house designs, layout, vehicular access and visibility splays and supported by revised Design and Access Statement and ownership certificate*

SE/11/1071 (i) *conversion of barn and outbuildings to 3 no dwellings (ii) erection of 13 no dwellings including 5 no. affordable dwellings (following demolition of redundant farm buildings) (iii) alterations to existing vehicular access (iv) associated garaging, parking and landscaping (v) erection of garage to serve Dover House as amended by plans received 8th May 2012 indicating revised house designs, layout, vehicular access and visibility splays and supported by revised Design and Access Statement and ownership certificate*

Both Applications at Dover Farm, Stow Road, Ixworth

Mr Roger Gilles, the architect representing the developer for the above applications, gave a small presentation to the Council highlighting the alterations in the revised applications. Mr Gilles answered questions put to him from the members.

It was resolved that there was **no objection** to these applications.

SE/12/0598 – *Provision of replacement bunded slurry pit and separator – Dairy Farm, Thetford Road, Ixworth*

No Objection

10. Determined Applications

None.

11. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received by the Council;

- **St Eds** – Rural Action Plan
- **St Eds** – How Housing Associations Work
- **National Express** – New Timetable
- **St Eds** – Response from Parish Council Conference
- **St Eds/Forest Heath** – Suffolk Waste Partnership
- **Suffolk Police** – Public Community Tasking Meeting
- **Audit Commission** – Appointment of Auditor

12. Accounts

The following accounts were agreed for payment;

Chq No's 634/635	Wages	£993.20
Chq No 636	HM Rev & Customs	£377.18
Chq No 637	Ixworth Village Hall	£168.00
Chq No 638	Forrest Stump Grinders	£144.00
Chq No 639	D Gort	£525.42
Chq No 640	G Palastanga	£30.50
Chq No 641	A Adlington	£116.80

The RFO was authorised to transfer £2250 by on-line transfer from the reserve account to the community account.

13. Riverside Footpath Walk

The Clerk distributed draft copies of the Ixworth Walks leaflet. A discussion was held and it was agreed to request the following changes to the leaflet;

- Pictures of Ixworth are to be used with St Mary's Church on the front cover
- Historical facts to be confirmed
- Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council (not just Ixworth)
- Warning about terrain to be stronger

The clerk was instructed to pass these points to David Falk and arrange another meeting for 11th July 2012 to finalise leaflet ready for printing.

14. Peacock Rise

Cllr Lord confirmed that the Parish Council had been granted £16,000 to carry out the proposed work to improve parking at Peacock Rise. Havebury Housing was investigating whether planning permission needed to be sought from St Edmundsbury Borough Council, once this information has been obtained the project could continue. If no planning was needed it was agreed that Cllr Lord could award the contact to MJ Nunn for work to start as soon as possible.

15. Ixworth Village Hall

The lease for the library between Suffolk County Council, the Parish Council and Ixworth Village Hall Management Committee was due for renewal in December 2012. It was agreed by all, for the Clerk to seek advice from SALC and Suffolk Acre on how the Parish Council should precede with this issue as Custodian Trustees of the Jiggins Memorial Hall and Playing Fields.

16. Ixworth Cemetery

Cllr Lord presented two quotes he had obtained for the work needed at Ixworth Cemetery. It was resolved to accept the quote from M&TJ's Gardening Services for a cost of £600 + VAT. It was also resolved to award the contract to M&TJ's Gardening Services to remove the excess chalk from the cemetery and deliver topsoil to level the graves for a cost of £320 + VAT.

17. Ixworth Jubilee/Christmas Street Fayre

The Chairman reported that the Jubilee Street Party had been a great success. It was agreed by all for the Chairman to write to the organising committee to thank them for all their hard work in making this such a successful village event.

18. Rural Profiling Project

The Chairman reported that there was no new news to report as the next meeting of the profiling group was being held on 14th June 2012 and she would report back to members at the July meeting.

19. Chairman’s Report

The Chairman requested that the Parish Council contact BT to discuss the condition of the two phone boxes within the Parish. It as agreed by all for the Clerk to contact BT to discuss this matter.

20. Clerks Report

The clerk reported the following;

- Residents have requested a hand rail to be installed at the steps leading from New Road to Stow Road
- Blocked drains in Ixworth Thorpe and Walsham Road had once again been reported
- Claire Royal from the Village Hall Management Committee would like to attend the July meeting to make a presentation
- A business owner had approached the Parish Council, via Cllr Ben Lord, about responsibility for the Jubilee Street Party

It was agreed to speak with Suffolk County Council about installing a hand rail.

It was agreed to invite Claire Royal to the July meeting of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council would like to highlight that the Jubilee Street party was independently organised by a separate committee, not by the Parish Council. However, the Parish Council fully supported their work and had awarded a small grant towards the cost. Once again the members wished to congratulate the organisers for a marvellous day.

Cllr Roy McFruin joined the meeting at 9.30pm

21. Councillors Reports

Cllr Nick Laughton reported that Steve Wilson had been extra grass cutting due to the weather and excess grass growth. Cllr Laughton reported that Steve may need overtime to mange the extra work, it was agreed by all present that if needed the R.F.O. was to pay overtime the following month.

Steve also wanted to report that he felt the dog-fouling around the village seemed to be decreasing. Cllr McFruin reported that dog-fouling on the playing fields was a problem and a member of the village hall committee had found an article stating the Parish Council could employ a dog warden.

The members stated that as it was on the playing fields this issue was a matter for the Village Hall Management Committee. Cllr McFruin also reported that the recycling bins were often overflowing, the members stated that this was a matter for the Village Hall Management Committee.

Cllr Wilson reported that Stebbings had supplied draft designs for the Ixworth Thorpe Village sign.

Cllr Wilson had shown these designs to the residents of Ixworth Thorpe who had offered their opinions on the designs. Cllr Wilson had passed the residents views back to Stebbings.

Cllr Lord reported that residents were concerned with the street lights Thistledown Drive and Walsham Road being switched off overnight as the area was very dark and unsafe. It was suggested that residents contact Suffolk County Council with their views. Cllr Lord also reported that Havebury Housing had no plans at present to build on the small piece of land at the bottom of Carpenters Close.

Cllr T Plummer wished to highlight that if the new development went ahead at Dover Farm there may be a need for yellow lines outside Dover House. This matter was deferred for a future agenda. Cllr T Plummer also wished to highlight the drain in Stow Road outside Cross House sometimes overflowed and may need reporting to Anglian Water.

22. Date of the Next Meeting

11th July 2012 in Ixworth Village Hall at 7.30pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 10.05pm

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Date